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GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS NOW DEMOCRATIC

Autocracy Wiped Out by the Achievement of Five Days, Says Mathias Erzberger

"MOST MOMENTOUS WEEK SINCE FOUNDING OF GERMAN EMPIRE"

Shift of Power From Hands of Junkers to Those of the People a Permanent Political Gain Says Centrist Leader—People's Voice Heard

Berlin, Nov. 5, via London, Nov. 6.—"While the troops of the Central Allies were forcing their way across the Tagliamento, Germany at home quietly crossed the political rubicon and in the space of five days changed from an autocracy into a democracy," declared Mathias Erzberger, leader of the Centrist Party in an interview today with the Associated Press correspondent.

"This has been the most momentous week since the founding of the Empire," said Herr Erzberger in a recital of the incident leading to the solution of the recent political crisis. "Its achievement represents a permanent political gain for the German people. In view of the July and October happenings the majority leaders were convinced of the hopelessness of permitting the old system to prevail. Through the chiefs of the civil cabinet they imparted their convictions to the crown urging the imperative need of a coordinated cohesive government policy in foreign and domestic issues and harmonious governmental collaboration with the Reichstag during the war at least."

RADICAL POLITICAL CHANGES

Herr Erzberger then told how Count Von Hertling reserved his decision to accept the chancellorship until he had conferred with the party leaders. On the advice of the latter the Emperor's plan for separating the chancellorship and the presidency of the Prussian ministry, he said had been dropped. Foreign Minister Von Reuthmann also had participated in the conferences, Herr Erzberger declared, urging the need of instituting a parliamentary procedure because it was the only solution of the crisis, and because of the unfavorable impression that would be made abroad if the current failed to succeed.

"Dr. Von Kuehlmann is desirous that the outside world should know that a new political era has set in in Germany—that his intervention was not in vain, as it was decided to take parliamentarism into responsible positions," continued Herr Erzberger. "I desire to say," concluded

GERMAN PEACE OFFER SOON, CURRENT RUMOR

Amsterdam, Nov. 6.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company cables that while peace rumors were current on the Bourse there yesterday, it being reported that the Central Powers would make offers of peace before December, in the shape of a proposal for a preparatory conference at Berne. According to these rumors each delegate will be asked to send two delegates, Germany selecting Prince Von Buelow, former chancellor, and Dr. Carl Helfferich, vice chancellor.

RATS EAT EARNINGS OF 200,000 WORKERS

Washington, Nov. 6.—Hoping to reduce the tremendous annual loss in property destroyed yearly by rats and mice in the United States, the Department of Agriculture has begun a new campaign to eliminate these creatures which the biologists declare are the worst animal pests in the world. Rats and mice destroy each year in the homes, factories, stores, warehouses, cars, ships and farms property equivalent in value to the earnings of an army of 200,000 men. They are parasites without a single redeeming characteristic, the experts state. Grain eaten and wasted by them on many farms would pay all the farmer's taxes.

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JAPAN AND UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE

Chinese "Open Door" Question is Settled—To Push War Against Germany

CHINA'S INTEGRITY IS TO BE UPHELD

Agreement Momentous One Says Lansing In Publishing Facts

Washington, Nov. 6.—Japan and the United States have reached a complete agreement in regard to China and at the same time have arrived at a clear understanding as to military, naval, and economic cooperation in the war against Germany.

This momentous development was announced today by Sec. Lansing, who made public notes exchanged by him and Viscount Ishii, the special Japanese ambassador, formally recording an agreement recognizing that Japan has a special interest in China, but pledging the independence and territorial integrity of the great eastern republic and reaffirming the doctrine of the "open door" for commerce and industry.

In a statement accompanying the note Mr. Lansing said Viscount Ishii and the members of his mission now on their way home, had performed a service of the highest value to the United States as well as to Japan by clearing away misunderstandings which, if unchecked, promised to develop a serious situation in the far east.

The Museum of Natural Science. Open week days 9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Sundays 2:30 to 5:30 P. M. All visitors welcome.

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Detroit Shriners Vote \$1500 To Initiate 300 Soldiers

F. C. Gilson of this city, potentate of Mount Sinai Temple, Mystic Shrine, yesterday received a telegram from Potentate, W. B. Wood of Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich., which stated that that temple had voted \$15,000 to initiate 300 volunteers and their officers stationed at Fort Custer. The wire was primarily to ask Potentate Gilson to waive jurisdiction on any Vermont men who might be in the company.

The Moslem Temple is said to be one of the wealthiest and largest temples of the Mystic Shrine in the country.

LOAN AROUSES SOUTH CHINA.

Would Give Japan Control of Nanjing Iron Deposits.

Tokio, Nov. 6.—Advices from Peking says the military authorities of South China have sent a strong protest to the capital against a proposed Japanese arms loan of 30,000,000 yen. The loan would carry with it control of the Nanking iron deposits and the employment of Japanese military advisers.

Several weeks ago the suggested loan met considerable opposition in Japan, but government circles explained that this country merely proposed to help the Tuan ministry reorganize the Chinese army, and that the United States would supply China with arms if Japan did not do so. Any intention of oppressing South China was disclaimed.

ITALIANS YIELD LINE OF TAGLIAMENTO RIVER, FALLING BACK BEYOND VENETIAN PLAIN; BRITISH CAPTURE PASSCHENDAELE

U. S. SHIP TORPEDOED AND SUNK; 21 REPORTED MISSING

Washington, Nov. 6.—The American patrol boat Alcedo was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone early Monday morning and one officer and twenty enlisted men are missing. The Alcedo, a converted yacht, carried a crew of seven officers and eighty-five men.

Hylan, Democratic Candidate, Elected Mayor of New York

New York, Nov. 6.—John F. Hylan, a county judge of King's county was elected mayor of New York today by a plurality of more than 100,000.

He carried with him the entire democratic city ticket, including Charles L. Craig for comptroller, Alfred E. Schmidt, now sheriff of New York county, for president of the Board of Aldermen, and Edward Swann, for District Attorney.

The indications are that the democrats will have a majority in the Board of Estimates, which controls the expenditure of the city funds.

Mayor John P. Mitchell, who sought re-election as a Fusion candidate although not formally nominated by any party, was a poor second in the race. His vote in 144 districts out of 2660 in the city was 104,729, compared with 206,268 for Hylan.

The tremendous Socialist vote was the feature of the election. The total polled by that party in the last mayoral election was only 32,133. This year Hillquit ran a close third to Mayor Mitchell and in many election districts on the east side, in parts of Harlem and the Bronx, he polled more votes than Mitchell. Hillquit ran on a straight-out peace platform. He declared a victory for him would be a mandate to the government to negotiate an immediate peace.

Hylan carried all five boroughs of Greater New York. His best showing was in Brooklyn where Bennett polled a large part of the primary vote which won him the Republican nomination after a recount. It was conceded by the managers of all parties that many of the votes cast for Bennett would have gone to Mitchell if he had been the Republican nominee, but Bennett's total for more than half the city added to Mitchell's would not have been enough to defeat Hylan.

The mayor in a statement declared, "The people and not the corporate interests will prevail for the next four years." He also asserted his loyalty, and insisted no issue of Americans had been involved.

M'CALL ELECTED GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS; COOLIDGE WINS

Governor Elect Leads Mansfield by Large Margin—Entire Republican Ticket Successful—"Anti-Aid" Amendment Indorsed—Vote Heavy

Boston, Nov. 6.—The Republican state officers were re-elected overwhelmingly today. Republicans maintained control of the legislature, the "anti-aid" amendment to the constitution prohibiting the appropriation of public funds to institutions, religious and otherwise, not under state control, was indorsed by a majority of 74,721.

Gov. Samuel W. McCall has a lead over Frederick W. Mansfield, democrat, of 89,412. Calvin Coolidge, for lieutenant governor, led Matthew Hale, democrat, by a still higher figure—101,217.

W. W. Lufkin, republican, defeated George A. Schofield, democrat, in the sixth congressional district for the seat formerly occupied by Augustus P. Gardner.

Boston gave Mansfield a lead over Gov. McCall of 3,797. The city voted for the anti-aid amendment the vote being Yes, 34,639; No, 31,058. Fall River voted No by 1,067. Lawrence and Lowell also voted No. In Lawrence the figures were 4,341 to 3,115 and in Lowell the No vote was 5,934 against 4,277. Several other cities voted Yes two to one or more.

The proposed constitutional amendments permitting citizens absent from home on election day to vote and allowing cities and towns to trade in the necessities of life in times of public stress were adopted by a big majority.

Mansfield lost heavily in the cities. Boston which gave him a plurality of 18,665 last year, gave him a lead of only 2,797 over McCall today. In addition he lost seven cities which he carried in 1916.

The state Senate for 1918 will consist of 33 Republicans and seven Democrats, a gain of one for the Democrats, who won the second Middlesex district with William E. Russell, son of the late governor. Senator Elect Russell had a plurality of 19 votes over James W. Bean, the present incumbent.

Seven seats in the House, at present held by Democrats, were captured by the Republicans. The Democrats captured two seats now held by the Republicans, and an independent defeated the sitting Republican member from Nantucket.

160-Mile Line Given Up by Gen. Cadorna—Plan To Make Stand on Shorter Line

ALLIED SUCCESS A MENACE TO SUBMARINE BASES OF GERMANY

Point Taken Scene of Bloody Battles—Canadians Press On 800 Yards Past Town—British Salient Now Far Advanced—Many Prisoners Taken in Action

In a great arc, more than 160 miles in length, the Italian armies the falling back upon and through the plains of Venetia to a new and shorter line of defense.

From the Fala valley to the head of the Adriatic Sea the entire line of the Tagliamento river has been given up by Gen. Cadorna, while from virtually the border, of Trentino northeast and eastward through the Dolomites and the Carnic Alps to the Fala, the northern army is carrying out a retrograde movement southward through the mountainous country toward the plains. The Germans and Austro-Hungarians everywhere are following up the Italians in their retreat, but with the Italians offering resistance in rear guard actions along the entire front.

British Capture Passchendaele.

Meanwhile the British forces in Belgium have won another notable victory over the Germans in the region of Ypres, having captured in one of their intrepid dashes, following a rain of shells of all calibers, the town of Passchendaele, about five miles west of Roulers, for which much bitter fighting has taken place recently.

The new advance of the British throws the apex of their salient in dangerous proximity to Roulers, the fall of which would cut Germany's communication from her submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge with the south. The indications from the meagre advices thus far at hand are that the Canadians, who bore the brunt of the operations, extended their line 800 yards beyond Passchendaele. Numerous German prisoners were taken.

FOUR MEET DEATH IN LOWELL BLAZE

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 6.—A man, a woman and two children were burned to death in a fire which damaged a three story tenement house on Front street in the Polish section of this city tonight. Twelve women and children jumped from windows and were taken to hospitals with minor injuries.

The dead had not been identified at a late hour.

POLO LEAGUE IS REORGANIZED

Providence, R. I., Nov. 6.—Representatives of six cities, including Providence, Worcester, Brockton, Taunton, Lawrence, and Lowell, at a meeting here this afternoon perfected the reorganization of the American Roller Polo League. Fred M. Moore, of Lowell, was elected president. James H. Farrell of Taunton, vice-president, and W. D. Perrin of Providence, secretary and treasurer.

PSEUDO "COLONEL" DEPORTED.

Macklem, Who Fooled Detroiters, Sent Back to Canada

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 6.—"Colonel" Omar L. Macklem, who for several days has been lionized locally as a war hero and who has figured prominently in military demonstrations here, yesterday was ordered deported to Canada. Official action was taken after several official telegrams were received from Ottawa stating that Macklem was not an officer.

Macklem had received numerous courtesies from the city and local business organizations. He was introduced as a military inventor whose hand grenades and big guns had wrought wonders for the British forces.

Telegrams from Ottawa said that Macklem served as a private in a Canadian company and was wounded at Ypres.

The decision of the Italians to evacuate the Tagliamento line was taken after the enemy had intensified his pressure on the upper reaches of the river in the highlands and pushed forces across the stream in the center and to the south. This movement compelled a simultaneous withdrawal along the northern front from the Fala valley to Colbricon.

Italian Retreat Orderly. Apparently the main Austro-German forces are not in close contact with the retreating Tagliamento army for the German official communication says the retreat is indicated by constant conflagrations over the route of retirement. No claim is made by the Germans or Italians having been made prisoner.

On the plains the Italian cavalry is doing the same effective work it did in retarding the enemy during the first eight days of the retreat from Isonzo, when it held Teutonic advance guards and permitted Gen. Cadorna to bring his forces to the west bank of the stream virtually intact, except for his losses in men and guns during the first mad rush. The morale of the Italians at present is declared to be splendid.

The probability now seems to be that Gen. Cadorna in falling back has the double purpose of shortening his battle front from approximately 160 miles to slightly more than 80 miles—along the Piazze river east of Venice and northwesterly to the Teutonic boundary—and giving British and French re-enforcements the opportunity to arrive in sufficient numbers to check the invaders.

On the other battle fronts the operations have been of a minor character with artillery duels predominating.

ALICE PAUL, SUFF. BEGINS HUNGER STRIKE

Washington, Nov. 6.—The first hunger strike in the American agitation for votes for women is under way. Alice Paul, national chairman of the women's party, now doing seven months' sentence in jail here for picketing the White House, is the striker and tonight she had been in the jail hospital without food for the preceding 24 hours, steadily threatening to starve herself to death unless her six compatriots serving for similar offenses get better food.

Germany Needs \$3,600,000,000. Copenhagen, Nov. 6.—A New war appropriation bill will be submitted in the German Reichstag, which opens November 22. The bill calls for 15,000,000,000 marks (\$3,600,000,000 at normal exchange).

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